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...with **Knuckles the Echidna** and **Team Chaotix,** travel to the **Robotnik-controlled Angel Island** after learning that Knuckles' father, **Locke,** has been taken captive.

The heroes arrive to find that a great deal has changed since last they were there: **the Brotherhood of Guardians** has been missing in action since Robotnik conquered the island; the dingoes, now led by the sadistic **cyborg General Kage**, act as Eggman's enforcers and have enslaved the echidna population; Echidnaopolis has been renamed Dingo City; **the Dark Legion,** current caretakers of the **Master Emerald**, is also the rebel force that stands against Kage's dingoes; all while Locke is being held prisoner by Kage himself, who is trying his best to coerce him into revealing the Master Emerald's location.

Knuckles finds that he is being worshipped as a deity by many echidnas due to his resurrection from the **afterlife!** Even more surprising, he has a little brother!

...WHEW!

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PART 3: HOW MANY ECHIDNAS DOES IT TAKE TO PROTECT A MASTER EMERALD?"

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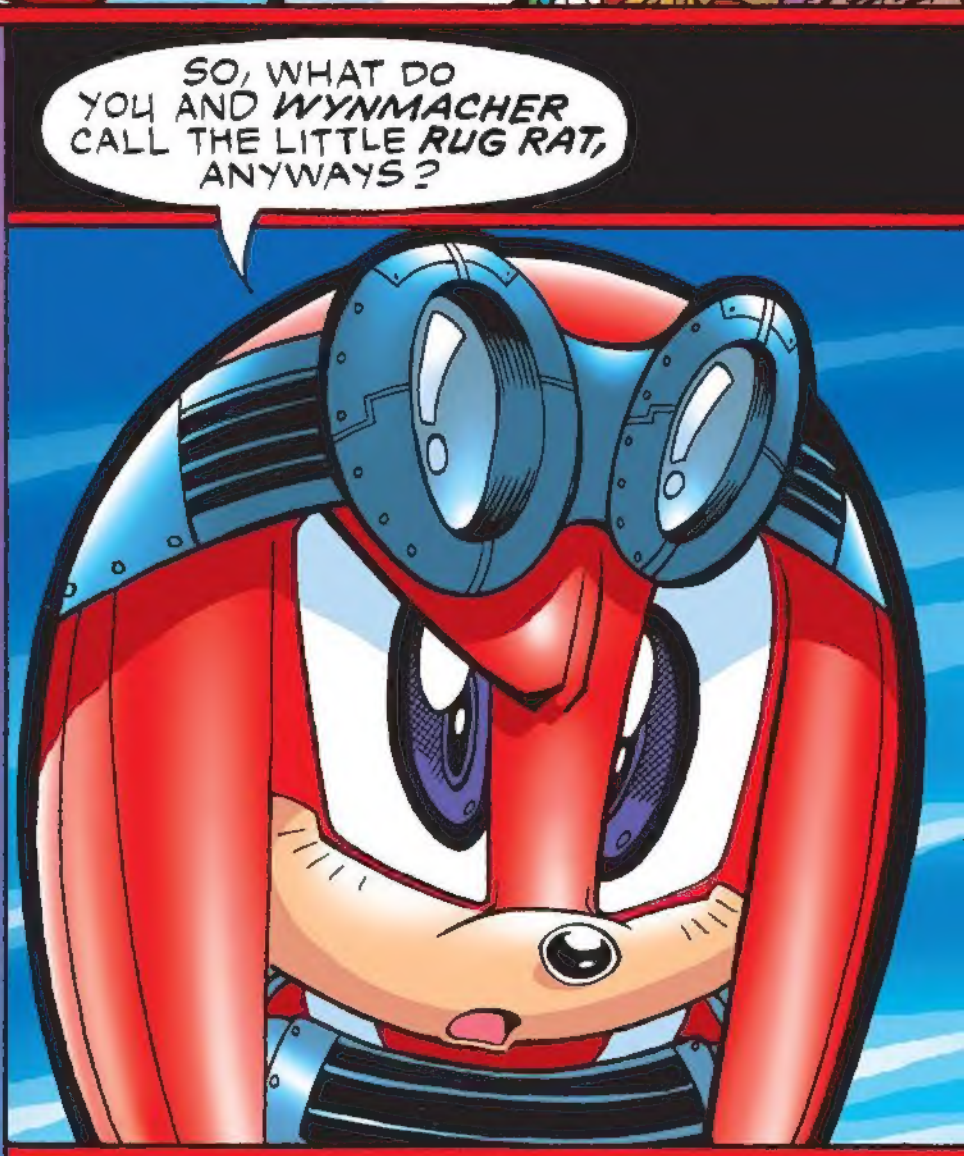


HIS NAME IS KNECAPEON MACE...
...BUT WE CALL HIM "KNEECAPS" FOR SHORT!
UGLY BABY NAME
KNEECAPS THE ECHIDNA?!
MOM, THAT'S GOT TO BE THE WORST NAME I'VE EVER HEARD FOR A KID!
HEE! HEE!
HOO! HA!
IS SOMETHING FUNNY?
espressivo
HE SEEMS TO HAVE TAKEN A SHINE TO YOU, KNUCKLES!
YOU DON'T REALLY EXPECT ME TO...
QUITE A SHINE!
HE'S GOING TO GIVE ME BRAIN DAMAGE!
BONK
BONK
BONK

Later...
THE FREE ECHIDNAS PITCHED THESE TENTS SO YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS WOULD HAVE A PLACE TO SLEEP FOR THE NIGHT.
WAY PAST COOL!
FREE
AVATAR
S3&K
YEAH, BUT DID THEY DO IT OUT OF PLAIN OLD HOSPITALITY...
...OR BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE I'M THIS AVATAR HERE TO FULFILL SOME ANCIENT ECHIDNA PROPHECY!
WHY SHOULD IT MATTER, SON?
I... DUNNO, MOM.
?
I NEED SOME TIME ALONE TO THINK ABOUT ALL THIS...
I DON'T GET IT, JULIE-SU! WHAT'S UP WITH YOUR BOYFRIEND?
KNUCKLES IS...COMPLEX, SONIC.
YEAH, IT'S GOTTA BE WEIRD DYING, COMING BACK TO LIFE, THEN HAVING EVERYBODY ACT DIFFERENTLY BECAUSE OF IT.
Y'MEAN LIKE HOW SALLY'S BEEN ACTIN' TOWARDS ME, MIGHTY?

Meanwhile...
OUT OF MY WAY-- I GOT BUSINESS INSIDE THE PALACE.
OH, REALLY? WITH WHO?
LET HIM IN.
AS YOU WISH, MISTRESS.
HE'S BEEN CLEARED.
TO WHAT QUOTE-UNQUOTE "PLEASURE" DO DOCTOR FINITEVUS AND I OWE THIS VISIT, KNUCKLES?
I'M NOT HERE TO SEE YOU OR JOE SUNSHINE OVER THERE, KOMMISSAR.
THEN WHY ARE YOU--?
AH. I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THE MASTER EMERALD.
WILL SOME ECHIDNAS NEVER LEARN...

"... THERE'S NO *USE* IN PINING AFTER THE GLORY *DAYS?*"

IS *THIS* WHAT IT'S COME TO? *RETURNING* TO ANGEL ISLAND...

... RETURNING FROM THE *AFTERLIFE...*

...SO I CAN BE *RIDICULED* BY MY ENEMIES?

AURORA WARNED ME-- SHE *WARNED* ME-- THERE WOULD BE *CONSEQUENCES* IF I CHOSE RESURRECTION, BUT I DIDN'T *LISTEN.* *

BECAUSE OF MY STUPID *EGO.*

NOW I'M *STRIPPED* OF MY CHAOS POWERS AND EVEN *OUTFITTED* WITH THE HAMMER GLOVES AND AIR NECKLACE *ROTOR* THE WALRUS *INVENTED...*

*SEE SONIC THE HEDGE-HOG #125.

... IT'S ALL I CAN DO TO HOLD MY *OWN.*

MEANWHILE, IN THE IRONIC *TWIST* DEPARTMENT, THESE ECHIDNAS *MISTAKENLY* THINK I'M SOMEHOW *SPECIAL* BECAUSE OF IT.

THEY... MUST... BE...

ZZZZZZZZ

EXCELLENT. EVERYTHING'S GOING *JUST* AS I PREDICTED!

NEW MEGAOPOLIS—CAPITAL OF THE EGGMAN EMPIRE

...DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!

I'M LISTENING, GENERAL KAGE...

SONIC, KNUCKLES AND THE CHAOTIX HAVE *INFILTRATED* ANGEL ISLAND AND HAVE *EVEN* GONE SO FAR AS TO *ATTACK* ONE OF OUR ECHIDNA *PRISON CAMPS!*

BLAST IT, KAGE! WHAT *ARE* YOU DINGOES GOOD FOR?! HAVE YOU *GOTTEN* THE PRISONER TO REVEAL THE MASTER EMERALD'S *LOCATION?*

STILL *WORKING* ON IT.

WORK *HARDER.* EGGMAN OUT.

FATHER, I CAN *DISPATCH* A LEGION OF *EGG-PAWNS* TO ANGEL ISLAND *IMMEDIATELY.*

UNNECESSARY, *A.D.A.M...*

NEVER GET A DINGO TO DO AN OVER-LANDER'S JOB! NOW THAT SONIC AND KNUCKLES HAVE ENTERED THE EQUATION, THERE'S NO DOUBT THEY'LL ATTEMPT TO RESCUE THE PRISONER!
WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME, M!
LAB GAMMA
·SNIVELY PROCESSING LAB· ROBOTIZATION REPLACEMENT FACILITY
I'LL GO TO ANGEL ISLAND, FATHER.
AND DON'T THINK YOU WOULDN'T MAKE DADDY PROUD BY DOING THAT, SWEET CHILD O' MINE.
I KNOW YOU'D LIKE NOTHING MORE THAN TO EXACT VENGEANCE ON THAT BLUE RODENT FOR DROPPING YOU IN THE DRINK DURING YOUR FIRST ENCOUNTER...*
*SEE ISSUE #133.
...BUT I'VE ALREADY GOT AN OP WHO'S PERFECTLY SUITED TO THE TASK!
EGG
EGG-05
I'VE GOT NEWS, COMPADRE! GOOD AND BAD! THE GOOD: AN ASSIGNMENT THAT'LL GET YOU OUT OF THAT STUFFY PRISON-POD!
THE BAD: THIS CONTROL COLLAR WILL MAKE SURE YOU COMPLY-LIKE NOBODY'S BUSINESS!

THE HIDDEN PALACE ZONE
KNUCKLES...? IT'S TIME.
:Grumble:
I'VE RECEIVED WORD FROM MY DOUBLE AGENT INSIDE GENERAL KAGE'S ARMY...
...INFORMING ME EXACTLY WHERE LOCKE IS BEING HELD PRISONER. WE CAN STAGE A RESCUE NOW... IF YOU'RE FEELING UP TO IT, KNUCKLES.
I'LL COMMAND THE DARK LEGION.
KNUCKLES, I--I--
I'M GOING MOM. DON'T WORRY... I'LL BE FINE.
DON'T DOUBT THE AVATAR, LARA-LE!
YOU'LL BE BETTER OFF HERE SAFFRON.
I KNOW, CHARMY. JUST COME BACK SAFE.
WHAT ABOUT ME, AVATAR? I CAN ACCOMPANY YOU IN BATTLE!
NO, REMINGTON. I WANT YOU TO STAY HERE. KEEP AN EYE ON THE MASTER EMERALD WHILE WE'RE GONE.
NOT FOR NOTHING, BUT AS FAR AS GETTING TO DINGO CITY GOES, IT'S NO PROBLEM FOR YOURS TRULY WITH MY SUPER-SPEED AND ALL...
...BUT HOW ARE THE REST OF YOU GONNA GET THERE?

CENSORED!
I HAD TO ASK!

DINGO CITY...
ECHIDNAOPOLIS IS DEAD
YOU ARE NOW ENTERING
DINGO CITY
"DEATH AND PESTILENCE TO ALL ECHIDNAVERA
SLAVEPITS
DARK FORTRESS
A ONE, AND A TWO, AND A.
12345
DEATH CHAMBER OMEGA
KAGE
KNOK
KNOK
AMBER
MY COMPLIMENTS TO THE CHEF. THIS ECHIDNA FILTH STILL WON'T TALK AND WORKING HIM OVER ALL NIGHT HAS GIVEN ME AN APPETITE!
UHHNN.
COME.
G-GENERAL K-K-KAGE ...?
EEP!
HARRY ?
I B-BROUGHT YOU YER NUTRIENT SUPPLEMENTS.

KLASH
HARRY, YOU IDIOT! THAT WAS MY BREAKFAST! WHY ARE YOU SO NERVOUS ALL THE TIME? CAN'T AN EX-CABDRIVER HANDLE SERVING IN THE MILITARY? I OUGHT TO--
KAGE

LIVE FEED: MEGACENTRAL
KAGE!
DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!
WELL? HAS THE PRISONER REVEALED THE MASTER EMERALD'S LOCATION?!?
LOCATION: DOWNUNDA
LIVE FEED

NO, YOUR EXCELLENCY, AND I DON'T THINK HE'S GOING TO, EITHER!
THEN TAKE CARE OF HIM.

A-ROOGA A-ROOGA
WHAT THE--?!
THE ALARM!

I HEARD IT WAS FREE CHILIDOG DAY IN DINGO CITY!
YIPE!
YOU? HERE?! NOW?!
THEN THAT MEANS --!
OUTSIDE...
WELCOME TO DINGO CITY
GEN. STRIKER
GEN. KAGE-SON
HAIL EGGMAN
UH-HUH.
Y'KNOW, "KAGEY," YOU MIGHT NOT BE AS DUMB AS YOU LOOK!

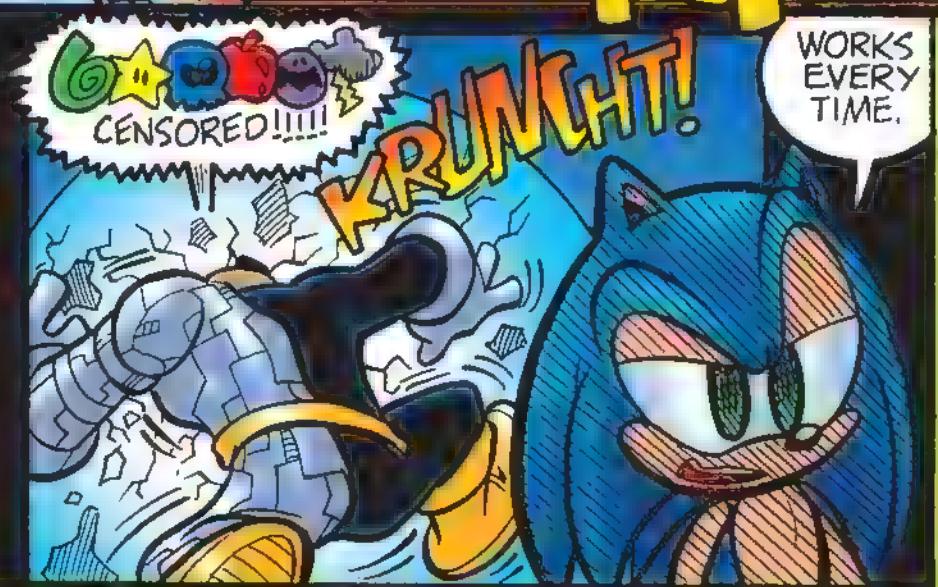
RAARGG GHHHH!

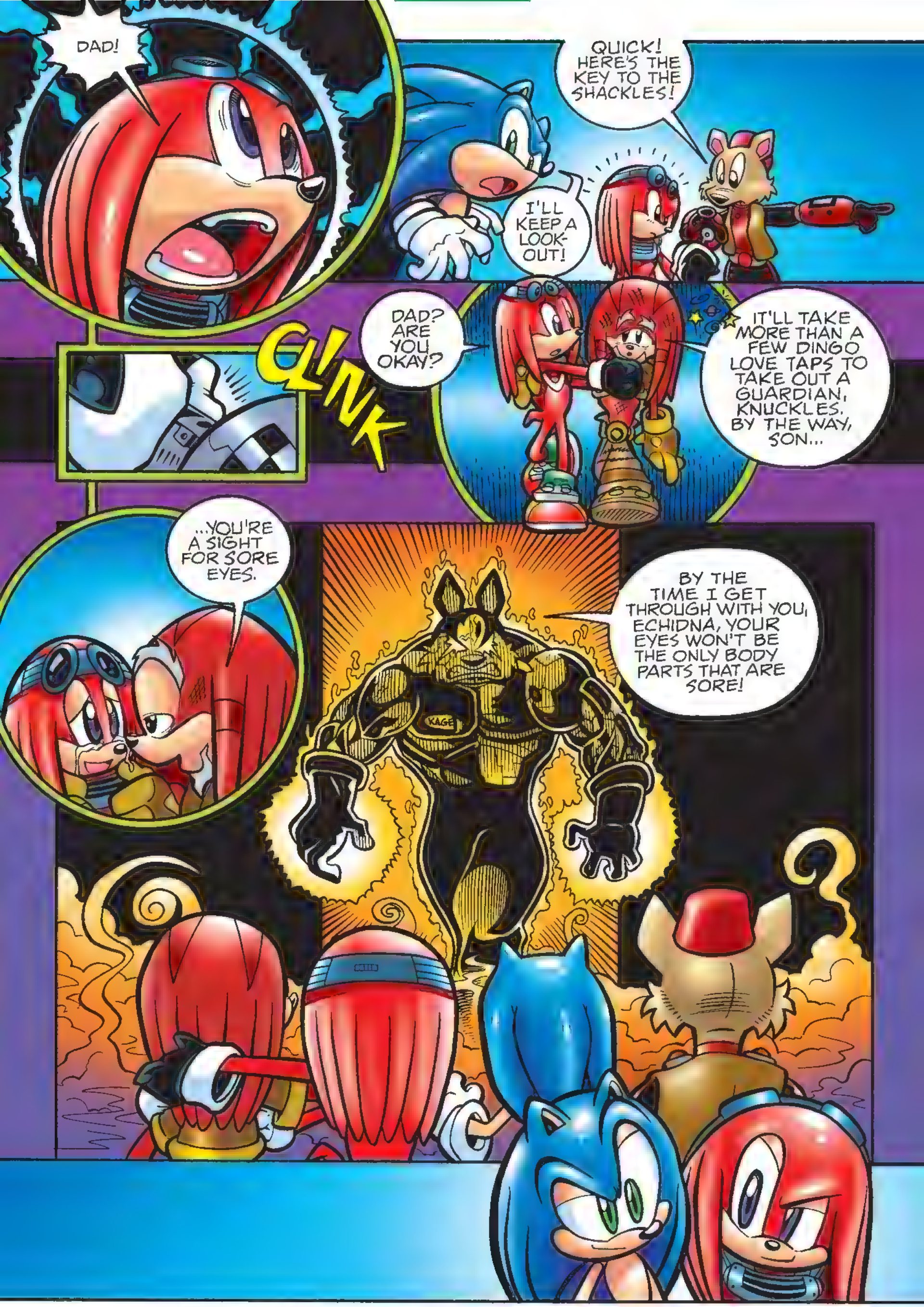
ZIP

OR...

...YOU JUST MIGHT BE!

TRIP




DAD!
QUICK! HERE'S THE KEY TO THE SHACKLES!
I'LL KEEP A LOOK-OUT!
CLINK
DAD? ARE YOU OKAY?
IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN A FEW DINGO LOVE TAPS TO TAKE OUT A GUARDIAN, KNUCKLES. BY THE WAY, SON...
...YOU'RE A SIGHT FOR SORE EYES.
BY THE TIME I GET THROUGH WITH YOU, ECHIDNA, YOUR EYES WON'T BE THE ONLY BODY PARTS THAT ARE SORE!
KAGE

KLOK

KRASH

TINKLE

SO HOW ARE THE CHAOTIX HANDLING THINGS OUTSIDE THIS SO-CALLED STRONGHOLD, RAD RED?

BETWEEN THEM AND THE DL, IT'S A BUTT-KICKING EXTRAVAGANZA, TRUE BLUE!

DON'T PAT YOURSELVES ON THE BACK SO SOON, CRETINS!

Dr EGGMAN

YOU DIDN'T THINK I'D BE FOOLISH ENOUGH TO PUT ALL MY EGGS IN ONE BASKET, DID YOU?

DIDN'T BELIEVE I WOULD RELY ON THE ECHIDNA'S CONFESSION AS MY SOLE MEANS OF TRACKING THE MASTER EMERALD.

LIVE FEED: MEGACENTRAL COMPLEX

Dr. EGGMAN

LIVE FEED: MERCIA

FIND ALBION

WHILE YOU'VE BEEN WASTING TIME IN DINGO CITY, PLAYING "SEARCH AND RESCUE..."

...I'VE DISPATCHED ONE OF MY AGENTS TO FIND THE EMERALD FOR ME. I'M EXTREMELY CONFIDENT HE'LL BE SUCCESSFUL.

"YOU SEE...
EGG
"...HE'S REALLY QUITE THE HUNTER!"
TO BE CONCLUDED

INDIUS
25 YEARS LATER

AS THE CHIMES STRIKE MIDNIGHT ON **ANGEL ISLAND**, WHEN MOST ARE SETTLING DOWN FOR AN EVENING'S SLEEP, THE GUARDIAN, **KNUCKLES**, HAS STEPPED OUT INTO HIS BACKYARD--

--ONLY TO FIND HIS HOUSEGUEST, **KING SONIC**, WAITING FOR HIM...

MIND IF I ***JOIN*** YOU?

I DIDN'T ***SEE*** YOU COME OUT HERE!

THE ***FEET*** ARE ***QUICKER*** THAN THE ***EYE!***

CYBORG OR OTHERWISE!

HAH! YOU ***WISH!***

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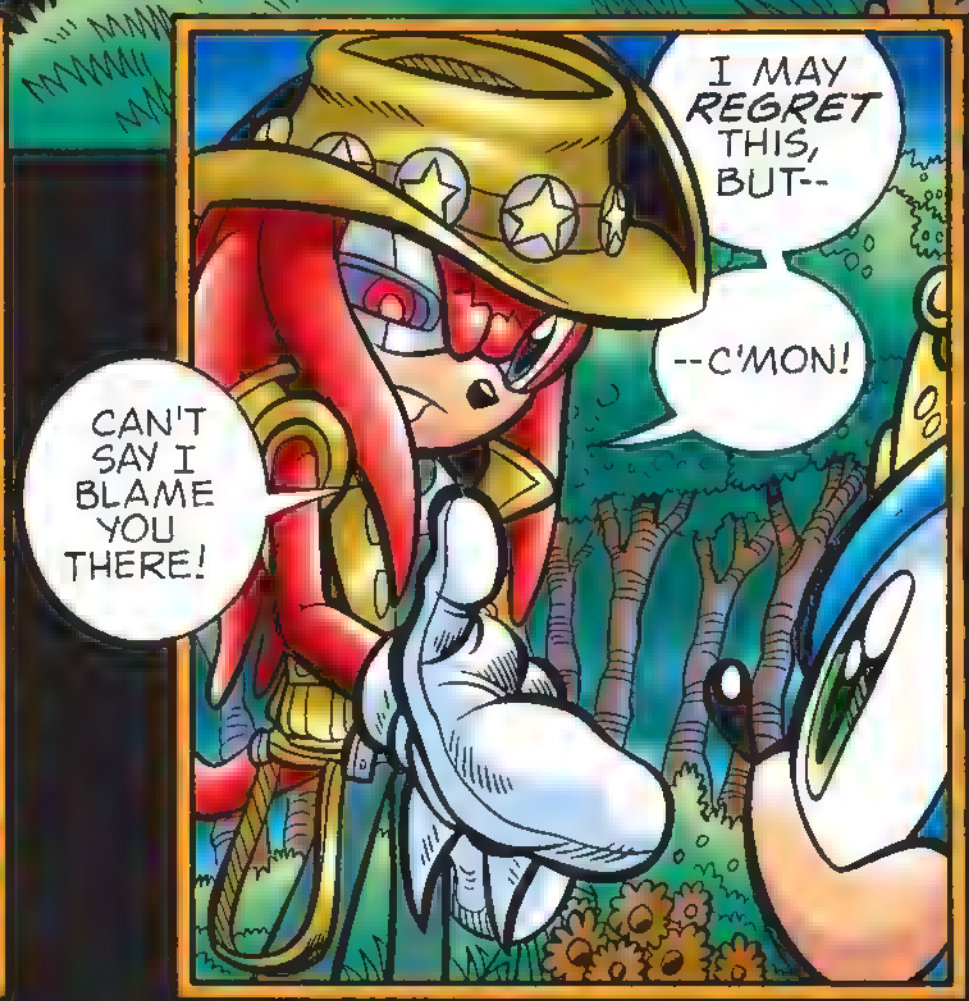
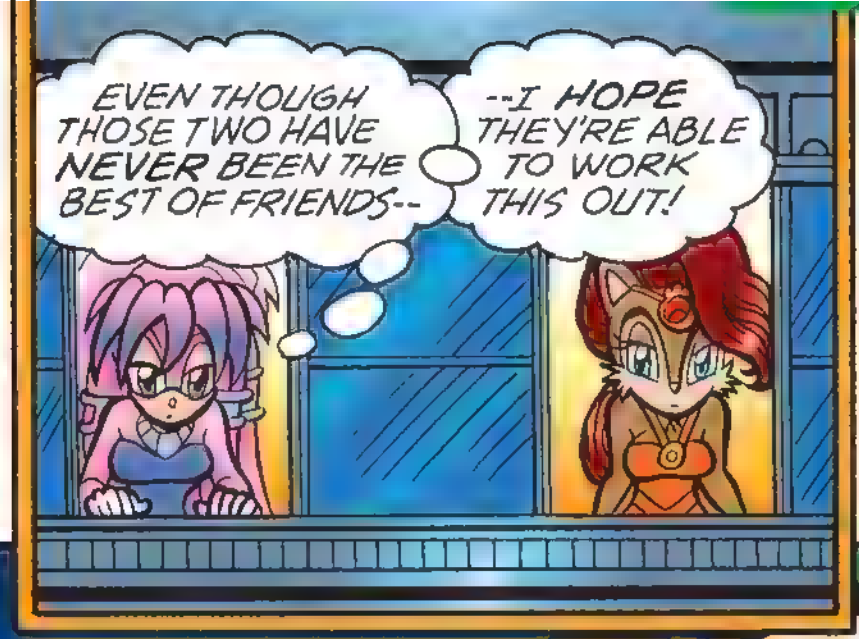
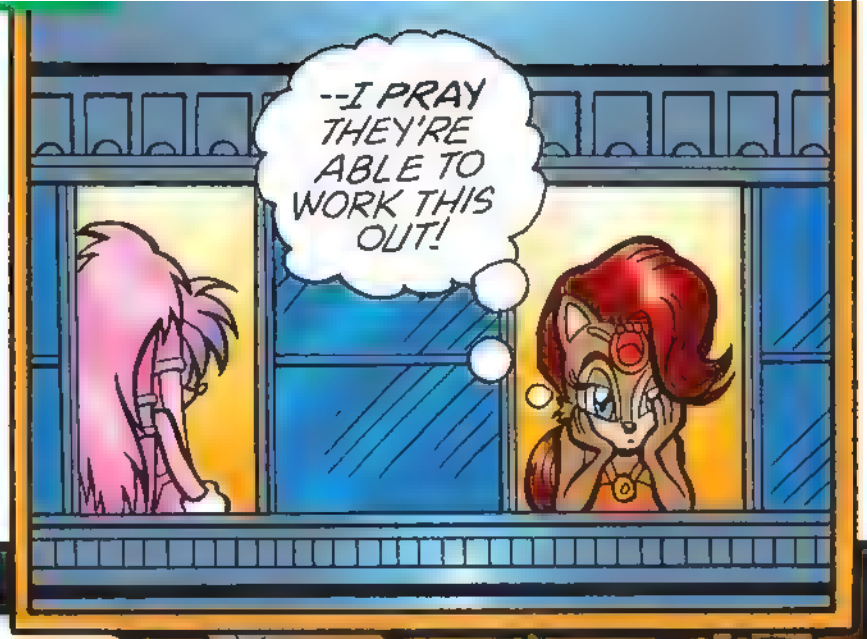






SO, WHAT'S EATING YOU?

I SAID MY PIECE OVER DINNER!

YOU REALLY BELIEVE WHAT ROTOR TOLD YOU?

LET'S JUST SAY I DON'T DISBELIEVE!

THEN WHY SOUND THE ALARM?

BECAUSE, WHEN SOMEONE I KNOW TELLS ME THE WORLD MIGHT BE COMING TO AN END--

--I LISTEN!

"MIGHT BE" DOESN'T MEAN "IT WILL"!

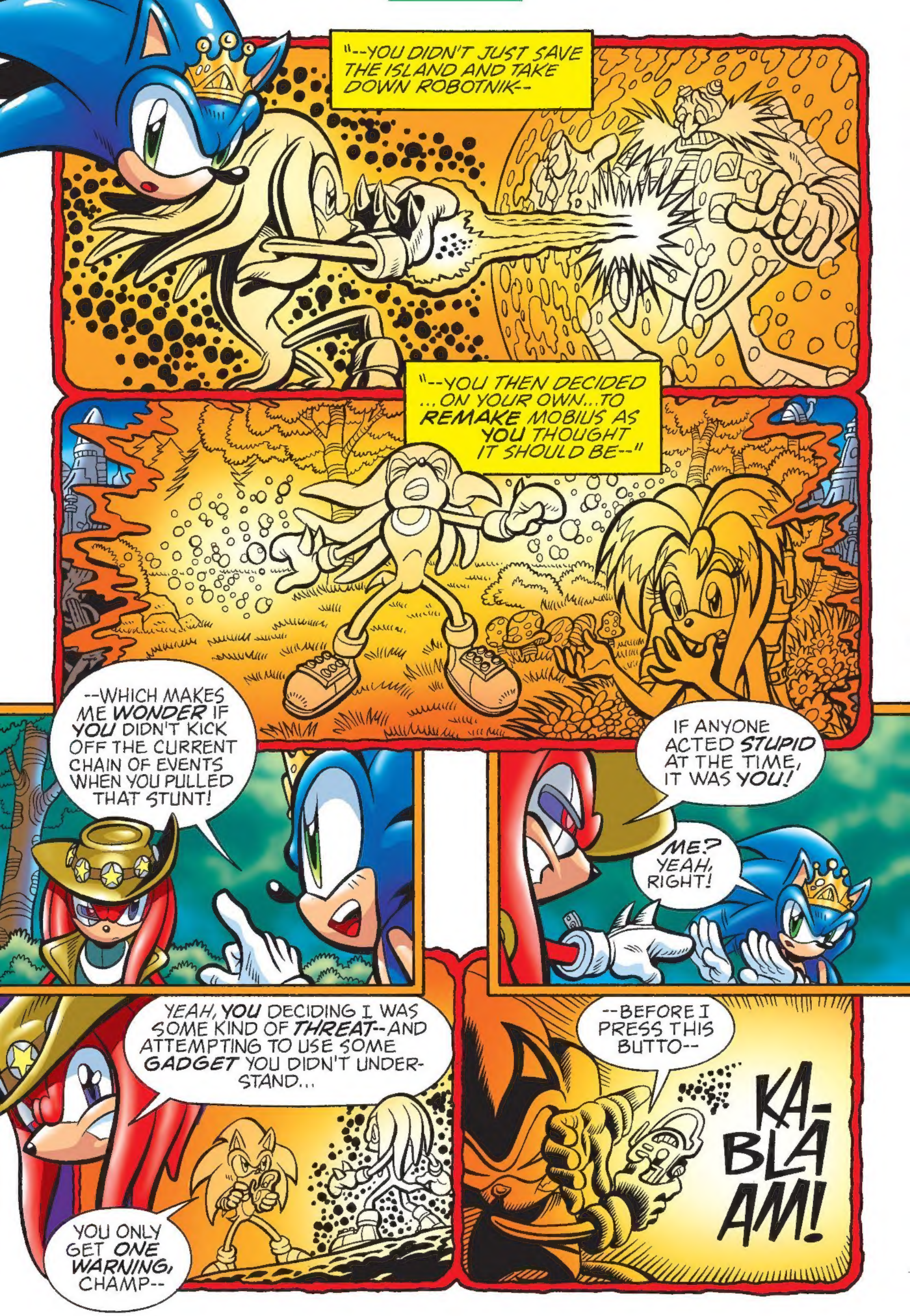
YEAH, WELL, CONSIDERING ROTOR'S AND COBAR'S TRACK RECORDS--

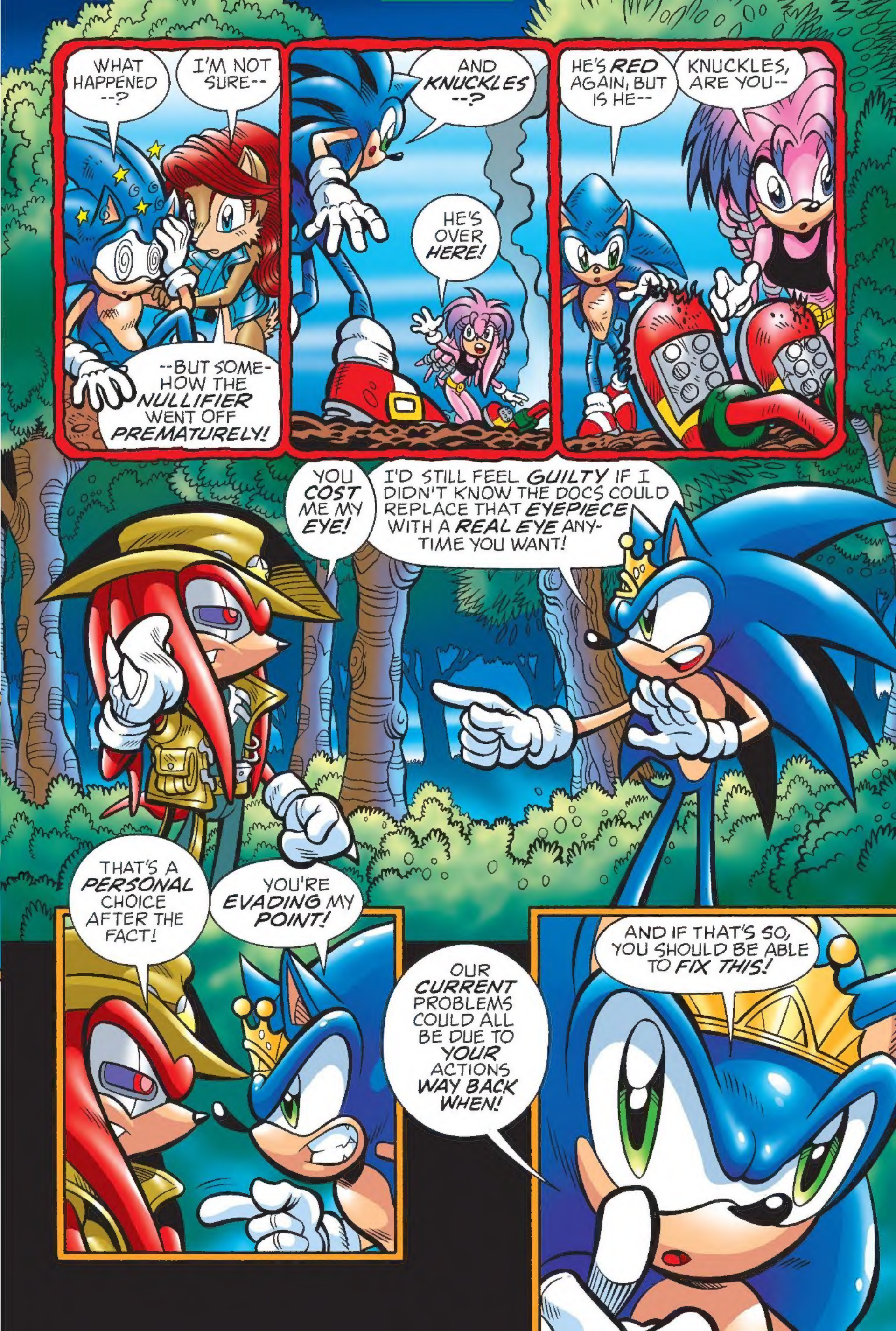
--"IT WILL" IS THE SAFER BET!

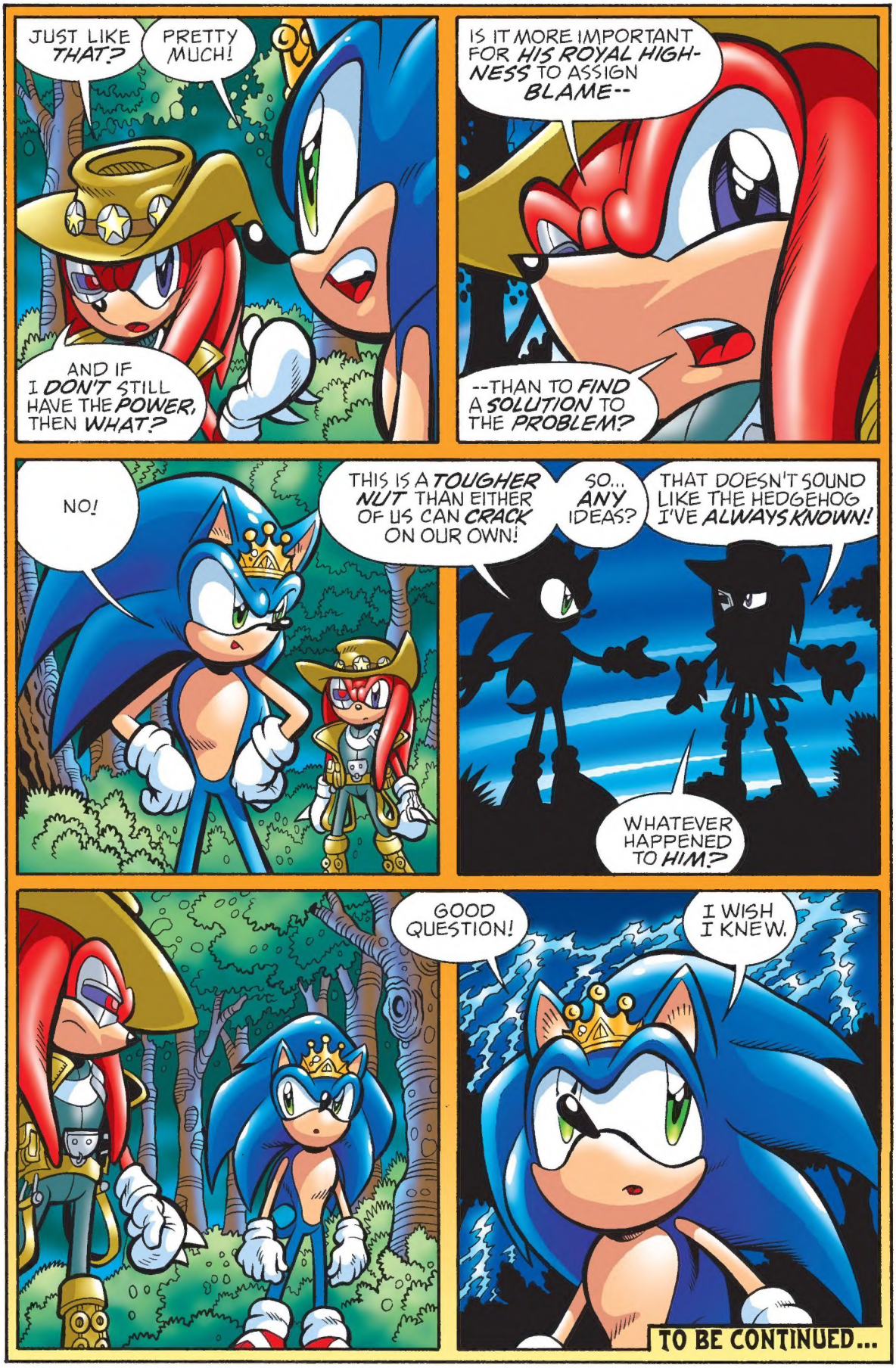
HARD TO ARGUE WITH THAT!

SO WHERE DOES THAT LEAVE US?

BEATS ME!
WE'RE TALKING FORCES OF NATURE HERE!
MAYBE SOMETHING EVEN BEYOND THAT!
LIKE YOU WERE ONCE?
WITH YOUR CHAOS POWERS?
MAYBE STILL ARE?
"GRANTED, IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT WHEN ROBOTNIK STOLE THE CHAOS EMERALD--"
WHAT DO I CARE ABOUT SOME WORTHLESS HUNK OF ROCK--
--WHEN I NOW POSSESS THE POWER TO BE MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE!
NO!
"--IT TRIGGERED A CHANGE IN YOU--
"--RESULTING IN YOU BECOMING A LIVING CHAOS EMERALD ONCE AGAIN..."
ANGEL ISLAND WOULD HAVE BEEN DESTROYED IF I HADN'T!
I KNOW!
IT WAS A TOUGH CALL, BUT--


"--YOU DIDN'T JUST SAVE THE ISLAND AND TAKE DOWN ROBOTNIK--
"--YOU THEN DECIDED ...ON YOUR OWN...TO REMAKE MOBIUS AS YOU THOUGHT IT SHOULD BE--"
--WHICH MAKES ME WONDER IF YOU DIDN'T KICK OFF THE CURRENT CHAIN OF EVENTS WHEN YOU PULLED THAT STUNT!
IF ANYONE ACTED STUPID AT THE TIME, IT WAS YOU!
ME? YEAH, RIGHT!
YEAH, YOU DECIDING I WAS SOME KIND OF THREAT--AND ATTEMPTING TO USE SOME GADGET YOU DIDN'T UNDERSTAND...
YOU ONLY GET ONE WARNING, CHAMP--
--BEFORE I PRESS THIS BUTTO--
KA-BLA AM!


WHAT HAPPENED --?
I'M NOT SURE--
--BUT SOME-HOW THE NULLIFIER WENT OFF PREMATURELY!
AND KNUCKLES --?
HE'S OVER HERE!
HE'S RED AGAIN, BUT IS HE--
KNUCKLES, ARE YOU--
YOU COST ME MY EYE!
I'D STILL FEEL GUILTY IF I DIDN'T KNOW THE DOCS COULD REPLACE THAT EYEPIECE WITH A REAL EYE ANY-TIME YOU WANT!
THAT'S A PERSONAL CHOICE AFTER THE FACT!
YOU'RE EVADING MY POINT!
OUR CURRENT PROBLEMS COULD ALL BE DUE TO YOUR ACTIONS WAY BACK WHEN!
AND IF THAT'S SO, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIX THIS!


JUST LIKE THAT?
PRETTY MUCH!
AND IF I DON'T STILL HAVE THE POWER, THEN WHAT?
IS IT MORE IMPORTANT FOR HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS TO ASSIGN BLAME--
--THAN TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM?
NO!
THIS IS A TOUGHER NUT THAN EITHER OF US CAN CRACK ON OUR OWN!
SO... ANY IDEAS?
THAT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE THE HEDGEHOG I'VE ALWAYS KNOWN!
WHATEVER HAPPENED TO HIM?
GOOD QUESTION!
I WISH I KNEW.
TO BE CONTINUED...